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- special new glass windows with no framing allow more natural light into the showroom to display colours and product.
- improved access from Roper Road with simpler entrance and exit points and associated parking.
- new landscaping gives the locality an improved appearance and environment for neighbours.
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Now people have learned to combine their needs in the home with furniture that reflects their own style.

One trend popular today is muted fabrics with scatter cushions in a variety of sizes and designs using a mixture of different fabrics. The key to success is ensuring they come from the same palette of colours. The Derwent 'Maison' collection at Lenleys offers three sofa designs with a range of complementary chairs, chaise longues, and stools.

Increasingly, there is no need for sofas to match the chairs anyway. Lenleys experts have a range of options and ideas for any type of home, which recognise the ways in

which we use different furniture: a sofa can be for lying on, a straight-back armchair may be used for reading or for the use of a laptop on a tall coffee table.

So leading upholstery manufacturers will design a sofa to create the impression or mood in a room, and complement it with different chairs – high back, low back, reading or reclining, according to the requirement of the home.

The covering does not need to be the same, in fact it's better if it too is a complementary fabric that adds to the room's décor, not duplicates what is already on the sofa.

There is huge choice. Sofas can be two-and-half seaters, or even four, and may include part recline sections which can be electric or manual.

There is such a wide range of options and a little time spent examining them could transform your room... and the way you live there.

It's the little things that make a home

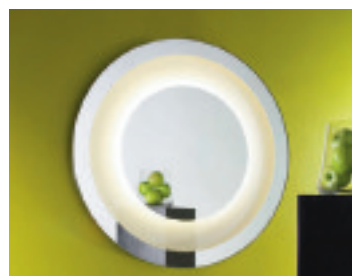
"It's amazing how the right mirror or picture can transform a room, bringing out the best in a colour scheme or a room's furniture", says **Chris Johnson, Lenleys' accessory buyer.**

Chris knows how important the exact colour shade can be for that new picture, lamp, vase or scatter cushion, as it can either match the room's colour or bring out that sharp contrast that brings the room to life.

"Our suppliers are now totally clued up about the colour palettes that will be setting fashion trends. It makes going to trade shows really exciting", he says. Even mirror suppliers are introducing colour glass into some designs, as well as the most

imaginative shapes that can help to emphasise the lines or curves of the furniture.

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PILGRIM'S GET STARTED

With Ashford Town currently out of action, football fans may want to watch a new team in the area.

This weekend saw the official launch of a new club in the borough, FC Pilgrims. The club already has more than 100 members on its books with teams in six Ashford leagues with teams ranging from under-eights through to senior level. All train and play home games in Challock, alongside Challock Cricket Club. On Sunday, the senior side played its first league home game, after a season of friendlies last year.

FC Pilgrims secured sponsorship from Ashford construction fixings company VJ Technology and raised several hundred pounds itself through grants from the Football Association and fundraising activities.

Manager Ray Burrows said: "To have been able to enter this many teams in our first year is a real achievement and testament to the hard work put in by the players and our regular spectators.

If you are interested in playing for FC Pilgrims, or would like to support the teams in any way, please contact Ray Burrows on 07743 553 811.

■ BY ED HILL

CATALYTIC converter thefts have gone through the roof in Ashford with businesses a particular target.

According to police there have been at least eight thefts since the beginning of September.

The thieves seem mainly to be targeting commercial vehicles, some of them on industrial estates.

In one of the worst cases the exhaust systems from 13 vans were taken from a business on the Ellingham Industrial Estate.

It happened early in the morning on September 2. It is estimated the catalytic converters were worth about £40,000. The thieves also stole tool kits from the vehicles.

Catalytic converters are targeted because of the precious metals (including platinum) used in coatings on the inside of the exhaust box.

Because of high metal prices they are exported overseas to countries such as China where the metals can be extracted.

A number of other vehicles have had their converters cut away while parked on the roadside or on driveways.

In one of the latest incidents this month, two converters were taken from a charity's minibuses in Rolfe Lane, New Romney. The estimated value was £1,100.

Thieves also targeted the Smarden Business Estate. One vehicle had its converter removed, and spare wheels and tyres were taken.

Crime reduction officer Jill Lane said: "This is not a localised problem, and catalytic converters are being targeted across the country.

"A thief can't get to your catalytic converter

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FINE PARKING: Car parks such as the one at Dover Place will benefit from the initiative

Cashless phone parking starts 12-month trial

■ BY ED HILL

FOR drivers in Ashford that frantic search for parking change could be a thing of the past thanks to a cashless payment system.

A new credit and debit card scheme will be piloted in the borough for 12 months.

On arriving at a car park or on street parking locations, drivers can call a number then follow a simple step-by-step guide to buy parking time using their credit or debit card.

If the trial is successful, the council can negotiate a longer contract. The council says the trial period and any long-term contract will incur no extra cost for council taxpayers.

The decision comes after a meeting of the local Joint Transportation Board.

Members of the committee agreed to recommend Ashford council's executive authorise trying out the system that relies on mobile phones.

The council says phone parking is quick and simple, making paying for parking easier and more convenient.

Other advantages of the scheme include making it easier to top up parking time and a text reminder service.

However, the system does not mean an end to traffic wardens. The Civil Enforcement Officers, as they are now called, will use hand-held equipment to confirm if parking charges have been paid.

Cllr Gerry Clarkson, portfolio holder for environmental services said: "I believe the introduction of this initiative is a welcome boost to the service we offer our customers by making paying for parking that much easier and more convenient."

Ashford is working with six other councils in Kent negotiating the provision of phone parking as a group. The intention is this will lead to the best possible terms and conditions for the local authorities.

Cllr Clarkson added: "It also moves our parking provision forward in a progressive yet prudent way by embracing available technology, while our officers, ever mindful of the strict economic climate, will be at pains to ensure the authority incurs no additional costs."

"It's also encouraging that officers are working in collaboration with neighbouring councils to benchmark various service providers to ensure quality of service and value for money."

Safeguard your car from converter theft

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if they can't get to your car. If possible, always park your vehicle in a garage.

"However, if you are not able to do this, park in well-lit areas at night and try to park close to buildings. If your car is isolated, it makes it easier for a thief to crawl under the car and saw the converter off."

"Avoid parking too close to stairwells in public car parks as these make for easy escape routes for thieves. Take a few minutes to review your vehicle parking and how your vehicle can be made a less attractive option for a would-be thief."

Vehicle owners can take other precautions to try and make their converters less vulnerable to thieves including having them welded on, fitting alarms or fitting cages.

For more car security advice, contact the Ashford Community Safety Unit on 01233 660747.

Autumn fashion show at shopping centre

COUNTY Square will be holding an Autumn Fashion show at the weekend.

The show will include professional models and dancers from the FTD Dance Centre showing off the latest lines for men, women and children.

All the clothes are available from the fashion stores at the shopping centre.

Four shows will take place on the catwalk in the main square on Saturday September 25, at 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Frances Burt, centre manager, said: "We're sure that everyone will enjoy this season's show and be inspired as to what to wear this autumn."

Shed fire was caused by faulty wiring

A SHED fire that spread to a neighbouring house was contained by fire-fighters at the weekend.

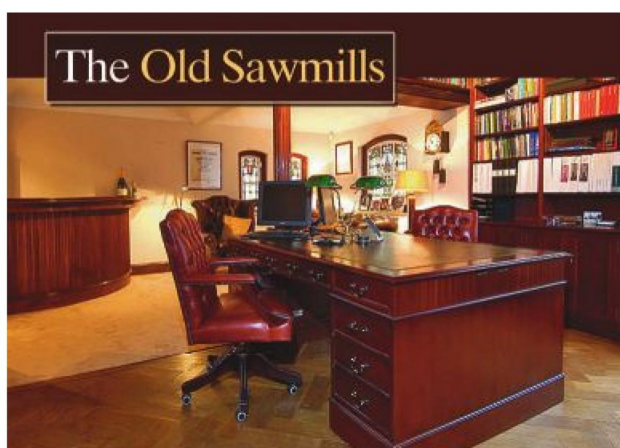
The blaze happened on Saturday afternoon in Lynsted Close, Stanhope.

Three fire engines from Ashford and Folkestone attended to the scene.

The fire is believed to have been caused by electrical wiring fault in the shed. No one was hurt.

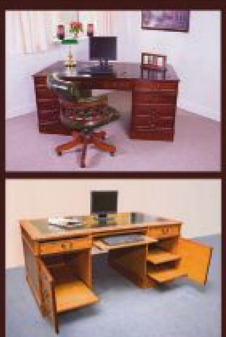
Ashford watch manager Mark Thomas said: "We would like to remind the general public that all wiring should be regularly checked and all work should be carried out by a qualified electrician."

For information on how to keep your home safe, call 0800 923 7000 or visit www.kent.fire.uk.org.



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High-speed trains win award

THE high-speed train service to St Pancras has been recognised at the National Rail Awards.

Southeastern Trains, Hitachi and High Speed 1 Ltd, won the Project of the Year category.

The award was for the preview services which began running from Ashford in June last year.

The services, which ran six months earlier than the official launch in December, allowed the companies to iron out any reliability issues.

Charles Horton, managing director

of Southeastern, said: "Everyone involved in preview should rightly feel proud of being given this award. However, the greatest accolade we can get is from our passengers who continue to give us great feedback on a daily basis and voted High Speed the best commuter service in the UK with a 95 per cent satisfaction rating in the last National Passenger Survey."

Alistair Dormer from Hitachi Rail, which builds the trains, said: "The Class 395 trains delivered outstanding reliability from the start, quickly

gaining the confidence of our customer, Southeastern, and passengers alike. The Preview service was a great opportunity to fully test the operational and maintenance procedures and quickly build fleet miles."

More high-speed services are due to be introduced in the near future.

Paul Chapman, from HS1, which owns the high-speed track, said: "Teamwork has been a hallmark of the success of this railway since we opened and as such this award is richly deserved."

Artists will turn empty town into public gallery

■ BY ED HILL

ARTISTS aiming to use empty shops as galleries to brighten up the town say they have already managed to secure one site.

Terry Anthony and John Hopkin want the local community to get on board with the project.

Mr Anthony said: "We have already been offered a substantial property as our first window by Richard Stafford at Taylor Riley. We are really grateful to them for agreeing to get involved."

The independent chartered surveyors have agreed to let the artists use a prominent town centre site to be announced shortly.

Mr Anthony said: "It's an absolutely ideal location. So many people have come up to us and said what a good idea they think this is. At the end of the day, it will not cost anything. We both live in the town and we want to make a difference."

Anthony Terry is well known for his Dr Syn pictures. His distinct artwork is based on the famous anti-hero that terrorised Romney Marsh in the novels written by Russell Thorndike, and he is currently working on a project to build a giant scarecrow based on the smuggling priest at Burmarsh.

John Hopkin said: "Other shop owners have said to us they think it's a great idea that can only help their business. We have already contacted local schools because we want there to be a range of ages of people getting involved. We



EXHIBITIONISTS: Terry Anthony and John Hopkin and some artwork they hope to display in the town centre

want there to be a variety of artwork that will appeal to everybody. There are so many artists around Ashford who would love to take up this opportunity."

The duo hope in the future they may even be able to attract some celebrity artists to get involved. They say they only require landlords to waive their rent while the shops are lying empty and no other costs will be involved.

Professional artist Oliver Winconek, a member of the Ashford Visual Artists group, has also backed the idea but says it must benefit up-and-coming talent.

He said: "I think it's a good idea. There are lots of students out there who would love this opportunity to show their work. We must ensure it benefits the whole community."

Viv Kenny from The Town Centre

Partnership said the idea was one of a number of ways the town centre could be improved and they would soon be doing an empty shop makeover.

She said: "I am very supportive of anyone who wants to come along and improve the image of the town. We had a meeting with the artists and helped them with approaching agents."

If you would like to get involved with the scheme, call John Hopkin on 01233 640654 or email visit www.terryanthony.com.

Skate park to get Future funding

THE Ashford's Future company has agreed to fund a £82,000 makeover for the skate park near the Stour Centre.

Yourashford reported recently that the regeneration partnership, responsible for delivering Ashford's growth plans, had been approached by Ashford council to see if it could release money from government growth area funding to help pay for the improvements.

At its latest board meeting last Tuesday it agreed to transfer the funds.

It is hoped the money will be used to pay for at least five high new ramps for the site. Ashford council, which maintains the park, is working closely with its users to determine which ramps will be needed.

Ashford's Future managing director Judith Armitt said: "We are very pleased to support this important community facility, and to ensure that it remains in use for the foreseeable future."

"The young people are very important to Ashford's growth and it is only right that they should directly benefit from the considerable investment the borough receives."

In July, a number of the timber-frame ramps in the skate park had to be removed because of safety concerns.

Four temporary ramps were installed while the council compiled up a wish list with the park's users for new equipment.

Sports Projects Manager Simon Harris said: "The young people of Ashford deserve a top-notch venue where they can meet, socialise and practise their skills, and this money will make a big difference."

"We hope the planned improvements will make it a destination point for young people, and that skaters will continue to look after this facility."

If you have suggestions about the skate park, contact Simon Harris on simon.harris@ashford.gov.uk or call 01233 330232.

Run marathon for homeless

THE homeless charity Porchlight is needs runners for next year's Brighton Marathon.

The charity, which runs a hostel in Ashford, says money raised will help vulnerable people in Kent.

Rachel van Hoven, community fundraising officer, said: "General entries are now closed so the only way to take part is to run on behalf of a charity."

The marathon takes place on Sunday April 10 next year.

To run for Porchlight, download an application form online at www.porchlight.org.uk/brighton-marathon or call 01227 760078.

Benefit cheats cost us £130K

BENEFIT fraud cost Ashford more than £130,000 last financial year.

In 2009/10 the fraud investigation team had 480 referrals. Of these, 194 cases were investigated further.

There were eight successful prosecutions, seven administrative penalties and 23 cautions issued.

The fraud team is also investigating a rising trend in tenancy fraud, which includes dual tenancies and subletting.

The figures were revealed by a report into benefit fraud for the council's audit committee.

Planning weekend to discuss village's future

THIS weekend local people will get a chance to discuss development plans at Chilmington Green.

John Thompson and Partners, the architects and planners appointed by Ashford council and the development consortium to come up with a master plan for the area, will be holding the planning weekend at the Singleton Environment Centre.

The community consultation on Friday and Saturday is open to everyone who lives in the borough.

The plan to build 3,350 homes, create 600 jobs and build a country park by 2021 is part of the council's Core Strategy for development.

They have attracted opposition from residents in the rural area and a petition with more than 2,000 signatures objecting the plans was recently collected in Ashford.

During the planning weekend the architects say people will have the chance to view and comment on ideas and participate in workshops to explore site-specific issues.

After the workshops, the project team will analyse and summarise the outcomes of the consultation and prepare an illustrated vision and master plan for Chilmington.

The results will then be announced at a community event at the



DEVELOPMENT: Chilmington Green

Singleton Environment Centre on October 20.

Charles Campion from John Thompson and Partners said: "We hope people will come along to learn more about the plans for the urban extension and park and help us develop the proposals further into a shared vision for the future. Everyone is welcome."

Max Frohnsdorff, one of the residents leading a campaign against the plans, said: "Ashford Borough Council is determined to press ahead with an unnecessary project that will decimate our tiny community and the countryside."

The planning weekend takes place on Friday, September 24, from 2pm to 7pm and Saturday, September 25, from 11am to 3.30pm at the Singleton Environment Centre, Wesley School Road, Singleton, Ashford.

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CRASH: Mr Broomfield was travelling on his sportsbike along the A2070 when he had the fatal crash

Biker had taken ecstasy before fatal road crash

AN inquest has heard how a motorcyclist who had taken ecstasy died in a crash near Hamstreet.

Martin Broomfield, from Kingsnorth, had been travelling on his 600cc Yamaha R6 sportsbike on the A2070 when he lost control last June.

The 28-year-old bank worker had been riding towards the Hamstreet turn off when he braked to avoid a car being driven by Tiannie Howard.

A post-mortem showed Mr Broomfield had suffered severe injuries as a result of coming off his bike. His skull had been seriously fractured when he hit the crash barriers in the centre of the road and he had lost a lot of blood. A trauma team at the William Harvey hospital had tried to revive him for 45 minutes with no success.

Dr Mathew Koslowski, reading from the toxicology report, said the levels of MDMA or ecstasy in his blood were high enough to still have been having a stimulating affect on his system when he crashed. He said the drug heightened senses for the user but could lead to a confused physical performance.

In court, a young Miss Howard, who had only past her test weeks before the accident, said she had been driving with friends after being at the McDonalds on Orbital Park. She had turned right at the roundabout on the duel carriageway to travel towards Park Farm. She manoeuvred into the right hand

■ BY ED HILL

lane of the duel carriageway to overtake a car when she had heard a bang and saw Mr Broomfield's body in the road.

Miss Howard had been interviewed under caution by the police regarding the accident. Officers had considered a charge of causing death by careless driving against her but the Crown Prosecution Service found there was no evidence to support the case.

PC Kevin Storey, from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, concluded that Mr Broomfield must have been travelling well in excess of the speed limit on the duel carriageway. He said the tyre marks on the road showed the bike could have been travelling as fast as 85mph after he braked.

His bike had ended up on its side sliding along the road when its wheel made contact with Miss Howard's blue Peugeot 106, but this would have been after he lost control. He said Miss Howard may not have seen the biker if he been in the blind spot of her rear view mirror.

Coroner Rachel Redman's verdict was Mr Broomfield's death had been accidental, although his judgement must have been impaired by the levels of ecstasy.

She gave her condolences to the parties involved and sympathised with Miss Howard for being involved in such an accident early in her driving career.

Jake wins cinema dance competition

CINEWORLD at Eureka Park has announced the winner of its Cine-Star dance competition.

Jake Taylor, from Ashford, impressed the judges with his break-dancing and swift, concise movements to a hip hop beat.

Jake has won a VIP screening for family and friends at the cinema, complete with unlimited popcorn and drinks.

The competition was judged by Giles Vickers Jones, presenter of ITV at the

Movies, and Jane Davis from the cinema.

Jake said: "I'm really happy I've won the competition. All the hours of rehearsing have finally paid off. I'm really looking forward to my prize and taking all my mates to enjoy a film."

Andy Grove, general manager at Cineworld, said: "The judges had a real challenge on their hands."

"However, they did feel that Jake had that special skill and brought the dance floor to life through his precise choreography and great energy."



WINNER: Jake Taylor

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Beware bogus builders

TRADING standards are warning residents in Kennington to be on the lookout for bogus builders.

Two men have been spotted in the area knocking on doors asking homeowners if they want roofing work done.

Trading Standards advise homeowners to get at least three quotations from reliable businesses like those found on the Trading Standards good trader scheme Buy with Confidence (www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk).

They also say if consumers agree to any work, the trader should provide a written notice of the right to cancel the contract. Failure to provide this notice before the work is carried out is a criminal offence and will render the contract unenforceable.

For a list of approved traders or to report suspect traders, phone Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk.

Bike and car in road crash

POLICE are investigating a crash between a motorbike and a car that has left a man recovering in hospital.

The collision happened at Magpie Hall Road, Stubbs Cross, on Thursday, September 9, at around 5.10pm.

The vehicles involved were a Black Vauxhall Corsa car and a Triumph Speedmaster bike.

The driver of the motorcycle was taken to William Harvey Hospital.

Anyone who witnessed the crash should call police on 01622 690690.

Business computers taken

CROOKS have taken computer equipment from a business in Wotton Road.

The break-in took place in the early hours of Wednesday, September 15.

After the company was made aware their computer system had crashed, they called police at 2.15am.

Police are appealing for witnesses who were in the Wotton Road area of the Kingsnorth Industrial Estate between midnight and 3am on the night of the burglary.

Call 01622 690690 and quote crime reference FY/14798/10 or call CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

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Balloonists aim to break cross-Channel record

■ BY ED HILL

A HOT air balloon company based in Ashford is crossing The Channel in aid of Kidney Research.

Merlin Balloons, based in Hamstreet, will be one of about 40 entrants taking part in the unofficial record attempt.

Matt Wady, company spokesman, said: "We will be part of a group trying to get the most hot air balloons across the Channel. We are setting off any time in October, depending on the weather and we are entering for the enjoyment as well as for a worthy cause. We will be setting off from Lydden Hill Race circuit near Canterbury and hope to reach Calais. It will be about 40 miles but we will go further into France if we can make it."

Mr Wady will be making the four-hour crossing with co-pilot Nic Bates. He chose to raise money for Kidney Research because a friend who has a kidney condition.

Mr Wady said: "People can go to our website to find out when we will be leaving. We will get the balloon ready at dusk to set off later in the morning."

The balloonists have to wait until they get a favourable weather forecast from the Met Office, so the decision to cross can be a last-minute one. However, Mr Wady is confident the conditions will be right sometime in October.



RECORD

ATTEMPT: Matt Wady, of Merlin Balloons, and Lesa Barker, of Kidney Research, in the basket of one of the balloons which will join the Cross Channel Challenge next month

On Wednesday, shoppers at County Square got a chance to find out more about the trip.

Lesla Barker from Kidney Research said: "I think it is fantastic that Matt's company is doing this. We need things that raise the profile of the charity. We are hoping to start a support group in Ashford and I have had many transplant patients come up to me to talk about it

which shows there are a lot of kidney patients in Ashford who would benefit from the support. It is great to have the community help us like this."

To find out more about The Channel balloon trip and how you can donate to Kidney Research go to the website at www.merlin-balloons.co.uk/channel-crossing.asp

New play area part of 'community hub'

A £130,000 play area is being created on land near St Stephen's Walk.

Work on the play park, aimed at children up to 12 years old, is due to start next month.

The area will use natural materials, and will feature the borough's first sand-pit and timber tepee, a wooden climbing unit, toddler swings, and tree trunks to climb on and use as tables.

It is hoped the new play area will form the community hub for Beaver Ward as it will be surrounded by community facilities including St Stephens Health Centre, the South Ashford youth club, and Cherrytree Nursery School.

The money for the play area comes from the Big Lottery Funding given to the Go4Play scheme, and the council.

It is expected to be completed by December.

Local police team's advice in store

SHOPPERS can speak to members of their neighbourhood policing team when a mobile police station visits Park Farm Tesco.

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PCSO Pauline Stevens, who covers the Park Farm area, said: "We are very grateful to Tesco for working with us and thank them for their support."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

LINDA CROSS



Q Can you explain what the role of curate is within the church?

A A curate is a newly-ordained minister in the Church of England, working in a parish under the supervision of the vicar.

I was ordained in Canterbury Cathedral on July 3 this year. It was amazing to spend time on retreat beforehand with Archbishop Rowan Williams and the Bishop of Dover Trevor Willmott.

Both are gracious and holy men totally dedicated to the nurture of us new ordinands and through our ministry to the care of all people within our parishes and diocese.

For the last three years I've been training under the Canterbury Diocese Local Ministry Scheme with the specific intention of ministering in my local church. I'll be a part-time, non-stipendiary (unpaid), ordained minister working alongside Ravi, our vicar.

Q How did your involvement with religion begin?

A I come from a family with deep Christian roots. My great grandparents were missionaries in China and interned by the Japanese before returning home.

Some years later my great aunt returned to China as a missionary teacher. My father was ordained in the Church of England and served as a school chaplain and priest in charge of various country parishes. I'm the eldest of four children. We lived in a vicarage for some of our childhood and were known as the 'vicarage

kids' which sometimes was hard to live up to.

In my new role I'm hoping to encourage the church to share God's love in everyday relationships in families and in communities at work and leisure.

Q How do you think being ordained will affect your life as part of the village community?

A I see it as a 'coming together' of my professional interest in the environment, my life and ministry in the church and the hospitality of our home to family and friends. Hopefully people will see it as a natural progression on my journey of life rather than a new direction. I'm still the same person underneath.

Q Can you tell us a bit about St Gregory and St Martin Church?

A The church was built in Norman times and was dedicated to St Gregory and St Martin, honoured by William the Conqueror.

It was substantially rebuilt by John Kempe. He was born in the village in 1380 and became Archbishop of York, Chancellor of England and finally Archbishop of Canterbury. It was he who founded the college in 1447 as a college for secular priests. His object was to restore the worship of God in Wye Church by the training and provision of priests.

As a result Wye became a collegiate church and its close links with the college, until recently an educational establishment, have remained until this day. The church is situated in the middle of the village and has always been at the centre of village life.

Q You have lived in the village for 27 years. What do you think about its future now that the college has closed?

A The Wye community was enriched by the buzz of life generated by hundreds of students of all ages and nationalities. In the 1980s and 90s the college led the way in rural conservation and management.

The wealth of expertise was great and its heritage continues today in the work of the Wye Community Farm, Wye National Nature Reserve and the many Wye graduates now working in the environmental field.

The Wye community remain hopeful a future use will be found for the College which honours its monastic foundation, its unique and global contribution to understanding the environment and its place at the centre of the village.

Q You also work as a landscape planning officer at Ashford council. What nurtured your interest in our environment and surroundings?

A My most vivid childhood memories are those of the joys of village life.

In 1979 I made my first connection with Wye, studying for an MSc in landscape ecology at the college.

It was here I met Jeremy my husband, worked and brought up my family, and became rooted in the community and church.

Through my job at the council I've grown my passion and concern for the sustainable care of the natural environment and been able to communicate it to many others.

Linda Cross, curate in Wye, talks to **Ed Hill** about her Christian roots, being ordained and the positive effects her role in the Church of England will have on both her personal life and career as a planning officer

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Traditional firm's confident future

HOBBS Parker – which marks its 160th anniversary this year – is opening a new estate agency in Tenterden.

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He said: "We are a traditional firm with traditional values and a strong and trusted brand. Opening in Tenterden shows we're confident about the future."

Mr Rimmer said the property market was hard to predict at the moment, but Ashford's high-speed connection with London was helping local house prices.

He said: "In this part of the county we are seeing price stability and optimism brought by the high-speed rail link. It will have a long-lasting influence."

Let's get to work

LATEST figures show the town's jobseeker numbers are among the lowest in the county. There were 1,745 people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Ashford during August – the third lowest in Kent, behind Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells.

Nationally, the number of people in work has risen by 286,000, although the number claiming benefits remained static.

Employment minister Chris Grayling said: "The jump in jobs is good news but doesn't disguise the fact the system is failing to get people on welfare into jobs."

"We will be retesting everyone claiming incapacity benefit and introducing our new Work Programme, which will give people the tailored support they need to move into sustained work."



FAMILIAR FACES: Drawing The Community In project in the Nave at St Mary's Church



ON BOARD: Christopher Marsh

A shared love of festival arts

■ BY ED HILL

ART lovers in Ashford now have a chance to see projects created as part of the Ashford Visual Arts and Architecture Festival.

This year's theme for the festival is Shared Space. St Mary's Church is once again at the centre of the work on show – Drawing The Community In is a series of outlines of local people placed around the edge of the Nave.

Students from Ashford School of Art and Design helped create the piece which includes a picture of the town's mayor, Cllr Allen Wells.

As in previous years, festival organisers have encouraged young people to take part.

Skateboarders created their piece, Traces, inside Ashford Youth Theatre. The film, which is

on show at the Art Room Gallery in North Street, shows them performing tricks in clouds of smoke and artistic lighting. The piece also includes pictures of many people involved in the local skateboarding community.

Christopher Marsh, one of those involved in the project, said: "We wanted to show that skateboarding can be artistic. I've got a lot out of skateboarding over the last ten years. The project also shows we are a community that creates friends who give each other a lot of support."

A graffiti mural on boards surrounding the site of the new Ashford Gateway in Church Road is also part of the festival. Look closely and you will see images included by young people who have a connection with the town.

On Saturday there will be a dance performance about shared space in Elwick Square. The contemporary dance by the IVIVI group will take the concept of negotiation and shared

space to create the choreography.

Stephanie Clarke, who is helping to create the piece said: "It combines physical theatre with dance. We have observed the shared space area and how people interact with it."

"The 15-minute performance will begin subtly but the climax will include bikes, cars and exciting music."

Five professional dancers are taking part along with 11 dancers from the Performers' Academy, five cyclists and skateboarders.

Ms Clarke added: "This is celebrating what people have in Ashford – even if they don't know it. It'll be a fun and exciting way to view shared space, which has had a mixed response."

"It will show it in the way we see it and ask local people, what do you think?"

• The Ashford Visual Arts Art and Architecture Festival runs until Friday, September 30. To find out where and when you can see the artworks, go to www.shared-space.org.uk

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Healthy living strategy for obese Kent

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

A NEW strategy has been drawn up to improve attitudes towards diet and exercise in Kent, which has the highest obesity levels in the South East.

Between 20 and 25 per cent of the population of the county is obese, with Kent and Medway having the highest prevalence of obesity in the region.

In addition, only 28 per cent of residents consume the recommended five portions of fruit and vegetables per day, causing concern among health chiefs.

The new strategy has been approved by Kent County Council's cabinet and aims to promote healthy living without making people



FAT LOT OF GOOD: Obesity levels are high in Swale

feel they are being told what to do.

"This is about looking at the problem of obesity as a whole and seeing what more we can

do," said cabinet member for public health, Cllr Alan Marsh. "The 1,000 per cent increase in gastric band operations nationally reflects the calamitous rise in the demand for obesity treatment.

"We know there is an increase in diabetes, early deaths and heart disease – all caused by people not helped enough to get the best out of their lives.

"We will work with people and for people in order that their quality of life is the best possible. It is one of my core values to promote and support that aim."

According to recent statistics, the districts suffering from the highest prevalence of obesity are Swale, Gravesham and Dartford.

The lowest figures are in Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells.

It is predicted that obesity will soon overtake smoking as the biggest cause of premature death and long-term illness, and that unless

the trend is reversed children born today will have a lower life expectancy than their parents for the first time in 100 years.

Among the aims in the Healthy Weight Strategy are for people to recognise their weight issues at an earlier stage, better promotion of healthier food choices and the creation of incentives for better health.

Cllr Marsh said: "The strategy is about making sure we provide all the information and initiatives people need to make an informed choice about living with a healthy weight.

"We've already had great success with our Activmob scheme, which helps take an idea from a town or village – such as a dog training class or walking group – and then supports it and gets it off the ground.

"Great work is already going on across Kent, from promoting walks in country parks to all those in education signing up to the healthy schools initiative."

Boycott threat in pub rent row

DRINKERS could enjoy up to three months of cut-price boozing if Kent pub tenants decide to protest against high rental charges.

Up to £1 could be knocked off the price of a pint if managers refuse to sell the alcohol supplied by their landlords and instead purchase it from a wholesaler.

According to the GMB union, large pub firms are charging tenants as much as four times the levels assessed by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) as being fair, open-market rents.

Potential industrial action was discussed by Kent managers in Chatham last week, with lead organiser Hayley Brennan claiming it will be "great for the consumer" if the boycott goes ahead.

"It would entail pub tenants turning their brew line service off and buying alcohol from elsewhere," she said.

"Because they would be able to buy for a much cheaper rate, we could be looking at between 80p and £1 off a pint.

'Climate of fear'

"We would also embrace the full 12 weeks unions have under this action. However, there's a climate of fear and managers don't like landlords knowing they're in the union. We'll be asking what action they're prepared to take."

According to the GMB, one pub manager in Medway is being charged £35,696 a year in rent – almost 300 per cent more than the £9,100 VOA assessment the union claims is based on a formula agreed with the British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA). Another in Maidstone is paying £28,000 per year, just over 245.7 per cent more than the £8,100 VOA assessment.

Mrs Brennan said: "The decline in consumption has coincided with the private equity-inspired financial engineering in tied pubs. This has resulted in sky-high rents, giving rise to inflated prices.

"This has led to an even greater decline in consumption in tied pubs, meaning very low income for tenants and pub closures on a weekly basis."

Despite claims that the VOA/BBPA assessment formula is on the internet, both organisations deny it exists.

A spokesman said: "The BBPA has not agreed any formula with the VOA for the calculation of rates. It would be entirely inappropriate to do so.

"While the rateable value for pubs is derived from the commercial market rent, it is not the same as commercial market rent and this applies to all commercial property. All pubs are assessed for rates on exactly the same basis as all other commercial properties."



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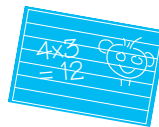


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Pupils attain high scores in diploma

THE results for students taking the International Baccalaureate at Norton Knatchbull School have been announced.

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A school spokesman said: "The programme gives pupils the best possible preparation for life at university and beyond."

Taking the big leap into urban Parkour

CHILDREN at Homewood School in Tenterden are being offered the chance to take part in a performance of Parkour in Rye.

The workshops are being run by the group Urban Playgraound and our aimed at people aged 14 to 25.

The performance is being rehearsed at the Creative Centre in Rye. The final performance will be filmed so it can be shown at the De La Warr pavilion in East Sussex.

To find out more about the group go to www.theurbanplayground.co.uk

Christian and Islamic pupils united in perfect harmony

■ BY ED HILL

PUPILS from Ashford School recently led children from across the country in a special performance of African Sanctus at Canterbury Cathedral.

They were joined by children who attend schools that are part of the United Church Schools Trust.

African Sanctus is an ambitious choral work bringing together the Islamic and Christian faiths in an African setting.

The work was composed by Kent-born David Fanshawe, who was inspired to write the piece after travelling in Africa in the late 1960s and early 1970s. This was the first performance of his work since he died in July and the concert was attended by his wife and daughter.

All the 300 pupils in choir spent the day before the performance rehearsing at Ashford School. This was the first time they had all sung together as one choir.

Special workshops were also held, including a graffiti workshop run by the world-renowned Graffiti Kings and a percussion workshop led by Manchester-based chamber music group Backbeat Percussion.

The performance in the cathedral was a ground-breaking fusion of a young and energetic choir, rousing musical accompaniment and spectacular visuals.

Allan Clay, head of music at Ashford School, said: "This performance was spectacular. The sound of 300 children from all over the country singing such an inspirational piece of music was outstanding."



ROUSING RENDITION: Pupils from Ashford and schools which form part of the United Church Schools Trust, performed choral piece African Sanctus

"With the full choir not coming together until the day before the performance, we were all a little nervous how it would work but when all the pupils began to sing it became clear that there was nothing to worry about."

"The African Sanctus 2010 project has been more about just a performance; it has been about collaboration and community cohesion. We have brought together hundreds of students from across the country with a wide range of different backgrounds. It has shown how music and art can bring people together – whatever their faith and whatever their ethnicity."

Mike Buchanan, head of Ashford School,



said: "The African Sanctus 2010 project has been a huge challenge for the pupils and staff at Ashford School but the success of the performance showed that all the hard work was well worth it."

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Youth leader's plea to save child services

A TEENAGE politician has launched a campaign calling for children's services to be spared by proposed Government spending cuts.

Kent Youth County Council chairman Dara Farrell, 17, is worried that funding for careers advice, support and youth activities may be unfairly slashed due to a lack of representation among young people.

The Ashford resident also represents the county as a member of the UK Youth Parliament, and is calling on other teenagers to help fight against the proposed cuts.

"So many services that help young people, including some voluntary organisations, are at risk," he said. "I think we tend to get hit first because many of us aren't old enough to vote and often don't have a big enough platform to fight

back against the Government. Adults are more likely to accept spending cuts if they're in areas that do not directly affect them, like youth services. We need a sign from the Government on where young people stand in the 'big society'. They need to consult with us because youth services are already disappearing and no-one is defending us."

Last month KOS Media revealed how the Connexions career guidance service was preparing itself for more cuts ahead of the October 20 publication of the Comprehensive Spending Review.

Medway Youth Trust lost £100,000 from its £2.1 million budget this year while the Kent branch admitted it expects a reduction in funding from 2011 onwards.

Prime Minister David Cameron says the Connexions service has "not been a great success

story", but Dara said it appeared the coalition was intent on scrapping everything championed by Labour.

He said: "Connexions is a patchy service. I haven't used it much personally, but I know of people who have benefited greatly from the advice as well as others who haven't."

"But the fact some people haven't found it useful isn't a reason to get rid of it entirely. The Connexions centres wouldn't still be there if they weren't getting the kids through the door. It just seems to be a movement away from everything Labour, and we are seeing that with a lot of things."

Dara, who attends St Anselm's Catholic School in Canterbury, also had strong words for the coalition's proposed new National Citizen Service.

The scheme, which will be piloted between

June and September next year, aims to give every 16-year-old the opportunity to participate in an eight-week residential and home-based programme of events.

He said: "The idea of giving young people that experience is good, but not at the expense of other youth services. Let's protect the ones we've got before we create any more. The Government hasn't even looked to see what's working or not."

"All they've done is come up with this shiny new proposal just to make it look like they're doing something positive."

Dara has submitted his Save Our Services campaign to Channel 4's Battlefront project and is asking people to vote for it before September 24.

Visit www.battlefront.co.uk/12th-campaigner for more information.



CONCERNED: Teen politician Dara Farrell

'Prosperous' south will be hurt by cuts

DEPRIVED areas of Kent will suffer from public spending cuts as much as those in the Midlands and North, warns Kent County Council leader Paul Carter.

Cllr Carter, who is also chairman of South East England Councils, says the Government should not be taken in by the myth that Kent is an entirely prosperous county and will escape unscathed from huge budget reductions.

Research published by the BBC last week revealed that Thanet is one of the districts least likely to withstand public spending cuts, but other towns such as Gillingham and Sheerness are also at risk.

Disproportionate

"We need to combat the false perception the South East is universally wealthy and make sure government knows that cuts here would harm the prospects of a huge number of people," said Cllr Carter.

"Figures show that 500,000 people in the South East live in areas within the 20 per cent most deprived in the country."

"This is an alarming number – equal to about one fifth of the population of the entire North East of England – and we must not let their needs go unnoticed."

Despite being a region of economic contrasts, the South East contributes more to the Treasury each year than is spent on public services – about £18 billion according to the most recent data published in 2007.

The region is therefore one of only three

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

in the country, along with London and the East, which gives more than it receives.

And according to figures released this week by the GMB union, the South East is the region with the second biggest job losses in the pipeline behind only Scotland.

These include 1,500 at Kent Police, about 750 at Kent County Council and 300 at Medway Council.

Cllr Carter said: "We need to guard against disproportionate cuts made because the South East is perceived as universally prosperous."

Parts of the South East sorely need public investment to help us bring them up to the standards of the rest of the UK."

This is not the first time a Kent politician has spoken out over the false perception that all areas of the county are prosperous.

Last June, North Thanet MP Roger Gale (Con) said it was wrong that all businesses in the South East should be excluded from National Insurance concessions announced in the emergency Budget.

He said: "I hope the Treasury will recognise that, exceptionally in the London/South East region, Thanet still has the highest levels of social deprivation – at figures that compare with the North East."

It would be quite wrong to exclude Thanet from the job-creating measures the Chancellor has announced, and to exclude local private-sector employers from a very sensible package."

Archbishop adds weight to detainees row

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has thrown fresh light on the ongoing debate surrounding the indeterminate confinement of illegal immigrants.

Dr Rowan Williams, who is patron of the Dover Detainee Visitor Group (DDVG), visited the immigrant removal centre in the port town to highlight the plight of the 300 male refugees held there.

Campaigners have been fighting against the indeterminate detention of detainees since the centre opened in 2002.

He told the BBC: "They're almost seen as non-persons – people forget about them. They have no clear legal status and what they need is relationship building. They need to know they are valued by somebody."

Currently, they can be held for as long as it takes to decide upon their future, whether it is returning them back to their home country or sending them to relatives in the UK who can support them financially.

Vebi Kosumi, director of DDVG, said there needed to be a time limit put in place for how long detainees could be held.

DDVG, a non-political group set up to provide support to detainees and their families, provides weekly visits to the refugees held in Dover. The aim is to provide a bridge between them and the outside world while authorities decide their fate.

In a 2009 report Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons praised the Dover centre for the relationships with detainees.



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YOUR LETTERS

Seeda's rose-tinted signs of recovery

It's all very well for Seeda to say we're out of recession, but I'd like to know how they came up with their figures (Yourashford, front page, last week).

Profits might be up, and big companies might be making money again, but I still see a lot of empty shops and wasteland, which doesn't say to me the town is recovering.

Perhaps certain sectors are doing OK now, but for smaller retailers it seems the forecast isn't so rosy.

Simon Miller, Ashford

- I don't see how Seeda or its hired consultants can say Ashford is out of recession. There are still plenty of people looking for jobs and lots of businesses have gone under. And Mr Anthony is right to point out the number of empty shops still dotted about town. That's not a good sign, is it? Small businesses are still finding it hard and more should be done to support them. Rates are very high, but people need to go and shop there too, not just spend all their money in County Square.

Name and address withheld

- Ashford might be coming out of recession, but are we going about it in the right way? You have another story about AXA eyeing up the town for a big call centre. While 300 jobs is good news, do we really want a town where the majority of the population works in low-paid jobs? It's hardly a scintillating prospect.

Ashford needs to attract the right kind of jobs to the town to secure its long-term future and make it a nice, vibrant place to live. Just making enough money, or dragging ourselves out of recession is not enough. Quality employment is the only way to make sure the town becomes an attractive place to live.

Mary James, Ashford

My problem is with stationary travellers

Travellers should not have preferential treatment when it comes to planning regulations.

My main problem is with the word 'traveller'. The word means to travel, so why do they want a permanent base? The last government made the assumption that a traveller was a gypsy and should be treated as an ethnic minority. One could argue that a true Romany gypsy is ethnically different. But so-called travellers need only a caravan and no permanent abode to claim special treatment. My son's godfather is a Romany gypsy. He no longer takes to the road and lives in a nice house in Bexley. His daughter is a lawyer and his son a doctor, putting paid to the myth that gypsies are thick, but his parents were of old stock.

They would travel around Kent in their caravan during fruit-picking and harvest time, taking on work

your blogger

Ed Hill doesn't care about William Hague's hotel arrangements – it's just that baseball cap ...



I KNOW in this day and age politicians are not the most respected bunch, but I have to say I felt sorry for William Hague over the whole twin-bed scandal.

For a start, when did it become such a crime for two men to end up sharing a room? I have had to do it on several occasions with mates of mine.

It's usually been the result of a last-minute trek to find somewhere to stay for the night and finding it was the only option left at a bed and breakfast.

Once, on a week-long work trip to Ireland, my boss told me and a colleague: "Don't worry guys, when you get there you will each have a nice little room at a guest house."

The nice little room turned out to be one big room shared with seven other blokes all working on sites that were part of Limerick's building boom at the time. The rumours about Mr Hague and his hotel companion, Christopher Myers, began on the Guido Fawkes website.

Paul Staines, the man behind the political blog, seems like a character out of a Monty Python sketch, employing a 'nudge-nudge, wink-wink' approach to his stories.

OK, so it may seem odd to appoint a 25-year-old as a special adviser in the Foreign Office, but this is just part of modern political culture.

Last year, I visited the Houses of Parliament and

was lucky enough to be invited for a drink in the terrace bar. I have to confess I felt rather old. The place was full of MPs' researchers and political advisers, all of whom looked like they were on some sort of Westminster gap year.

All the candidates in the Labour leadership contest began their careers at the Houses of Parliament straight after university.

Politicians from Mr Hague's own party have criticised the frankness of his statement about his marriage and the multiple miscarriages suffered by his wife, Ffion.

I think such openness is refreshing, particularly when you compare it with Tony Blair, who refused to say whether his baby son, Leo, had been given the MMR vaccine, even though it was a policy his Government was pushing on other parents at the time.

Miscarriage is a traumatic experience for any couple and many have been prompted to say how grateful they are to William and Ffion Hague for deciding to reveal the problems they have had having children.

If their honesty helps create an environment where people talk more openly about such heartbreak, it can only be for the better.

The only real criticism I can throw at Mr Hague is his dress sense. One bad photograph in a baseball cap is unfortunate, but two just seems like carelessness.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the news editor, Gareth Arnold, on 01303 817025 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Ashford blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to www.yourashford.co.uk.

Toll-funded crossing is not theirs to sell

As Kent coordinator for the Association of British Drivers, I would like to make clear our view of the possible sale of the Dartford crossing. We oppose any sell-off.

This Government, or any government, is only a temporary custodian of the crossing. It is not theirs to sell, it belongs to the people. The British taxpayer has paid (several times) for this asset, especially drivers, who have contributed nearly five decades of tolls. We oppose the continuation of the tolls. Scotland abandoned all road tolls years ago without any perceived 'safety issues' – an excuse often used for keeping this extortion. Some engineering to the approaches would be needed, but let's get traffic and commerce moving. Putting a blockade across the middle of one of the most heavily used roads in Europe is madness. We need roads fit for purpose for the 21st century.

Terry Hudson, ABD Kent branch

Coalition assault on our postal service

Kent Greens have condemned the coalition Government for its plans to privatise most of the Royal Mail.

The latest assault on our postal service comes on the heels of the

400 job cuts across west Kent's sorting offices announced last week. Kent Greens have written to the Communications Workers' Union expressing solidarity. We want the Royal Mail to stay in public hands and receive investment to reopen the 56 post offices closed across Kent. The Royal Mail is under serious threat, with the service to lose ten per cent of its staff in west Kent alone and through the coalition's sell-off plan. Lib Dem supporters must be furious. It is clear their MPs have embraced the Tory ethic of privatisation regardless of consequences. The coalition's cuts are the most savage in living memory yet are unnecessary because a fair tax system would help to prevent job losses. As the coalition steers the country towards a double-dip recession, post offices are an essential service which should be present in all our communities.

Stuart Jeffery, Kent Green Party

Le Carré's warning and a toxic cocktail

Who could ever forget John le Carré's cold war spy thrillers – so unlike James Bond. What emerged from his fierce criticism on Channel 4 News was that we are in the grip of Russian-style misgovernment worse than that of the USA.

He regretted that the end of the cold war did not deliver lasting benefits of capitalism, because

unpleasant aspects of Russian life are now being replicated here – multinationals, Big Pharma, over-powerful state officials.

On a more prosaic level, fiscal mismanagement and cover-ups using loopholes and narrow remits inevitably have a catastrophic impact on ordinary citizens.

In 1978, Labour chose the lower rate of tax when it could have raised personal tax allowances.

Pre-election in 1992, Tory Chancellor Norman Lamont brought in the 20p basic rate of income tax. In fact, fewer errors by the Inland Revenue would arise if the personal allowance was set in income bands. But political gimmickry rules and does nothing to tackle gross VAT frauds, 'tax breaks' and other artificial constructs for tax avoidance by those able to offset expenditure against taxable income.

Experts know the damage done from creative accounting by institutions, businesses, millionaires in government, despite coalition plans to 'simplify' tax by creating an extra quango. Does the Government care that masses of us fall into servitude? We pay more for services and utilities but quality and value have disappeared. The end of democracy came with the rise and fall of the United States of Europe. We face diminishing food resources that will cost more, environmental negligence, inadequate health and safety protection, economic uncertainty and ethically-challenged, lacklustre leaders. The population surge will make competition, conflict and misunderstandings between nations even worse, with multinationals and political profit-chasers creating a toxic cocktail to limit opportunities and options for the majority. How bright can our future be?

Rita Grootendorst, address supplied

A smile on your mug

Macmillan Cancer Support invites your readers to take part in our World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday. We are looking to sign up a record 1,204 hosts to raise £215,000 across Kent to help celebrate the 20th year of the event and would like to encourage anyone living in the area to register.

All you have to do is get together with friends or colleagues for cakes and a cuppa – a very enjoyable way of helping us raise the £8.3 million we need to reach more people affected by cancer. The money you raise will help Macmillan fund specialist nurses, new cancer centres and grants to support people living with cancer. The coffee morning takes place on September 24, but if you can't make that day, why not hold your event at another time? All that matters is that you take part. So put a smile on your mug and help people affected by cancer. Find out more about the World's Biggest Coffee Morning at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 070 1315. To organise a different event, call Liz O'Hanlon or Laura Kennedy on 01622 600050.

Elizabeth Corbyn, Macmillan Cancer Support

Martin Clarke, by email

Your right to vote

IF YOU want a say in the future of Canterbury and the country, you must fill in your voter registration form.

Everyone in the district should have received their annual voting registration form, which must be filled in to vote in May's council elections and the possible referendum on the voting system – likely to be on the same day.

A city council spokesman said: Some voters may not realise they have to register every year. By completing the form that comes through the door, people will secure their vote for 2011."

Fantasy and reality

WHATEVER Comics in St Peter's Street Canterbury is welcoming two authors who will be signing their latest graphic novel. On Saturday, October 2, between 1pm and 5pm, the store will host Dave West and Andy Bloor, who wrote crime drama comics Wolfmen and the new sequel Fall of the Wolfmen.



Evolution rather than revolution for health

Following news that NHS primary care trusts will be abolished and groups of GPs will instead control local healthcare, Dr Robert Stewart will give his views on the continuing changes in a new monthly column

THE health White Paper announced by the new Government in July has been described as the biggest shake-up of the NHS since it was created in 1948.

That's a big statement – so it is justified? Well, certainly there are significant implications for the way the health service develops in future.

For example, primary care trusts, which currently decide what services are needed in each area and purchase healthcare on behalf of the community, will cease to exist after 2013.

Instead it is proposed that GPs will group together to fulfil this role in future.

However, much of what seems revolutionary has in fact been evolving over the past few years anyway, so while the secretary of state Andrew Lansley will want to make his mark in the sand in terms of progressive thinking and new direction, there is comfort in the familiarity of some of the ideas, too.



Locally there has been considerable success with GPs taking the lead to design services and many of our doctors are already experienced and skilled in this respect. Of course, this hasn't been a success everywhere, and what is now envisaged is on a much larger scale, but it is not something completely new. In addition, the way in which GPs refer patients for treatment has meant that they are in effect a critical cog in the commissioning wheel.

We are fortunate in Eastern and Coastal Kent

to have some forward-thinking and innovative GPs and we as a primary care trust look forward to working with all 500 doctors across the patch as we enter the transition phase.

There will be challenges and major changes for the staff involved, but what is encouraging is that patients are firmly at the centre of Government plans – offering personal choice and engaging with patients is central to the white paper.

Of course, GP commissioning is not the only proposal identified in the white paper. Changes are afoot for health and social care and public health, and we are awaiting further details on how these services might be picked up by local authorities.

We have a good track record of partnership working in this part of the county, so again, I am positive about how this will unfold.

Some bits of the jigsaw still need to fall into place, timescales need to be firmed up, and, importantly, consortia need to be formed before responsibility can begin to be handed over.

But this primary care trust has been very successful, and this has been recognised at all levels, and therefore we in eastern and coastal Kent are in an excellent position to move into the next phase in the development of the NHS.

•Robert Stewart is a medical director and director of clinical commissioning for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, and is also a practising GP.



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Adult music lessons

A MUSIC school has teamed up with Kent Adult Education to encourage more adults to get involved in music.

Kent Music, which teaches all ages, is holding taster days for adults in Sevenoaks next month, with sessions in African drumming on October 2, and a jazz taster on October 9.

Courses are also being held in Canterbury, with a keyboard taster session on September 29.

There will also be courses in classical and folk guitar in January.

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It's 'business as usual' as NHS boss keeps post

■ BY ED HILL

THE eastern and coastal NHS has reappointed its chairman.

Colin Tomson will continue in his post at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent which covers Ashford, Canterbury, Shepway, Dover, Thanet and Swale.

Mr Tomson has been chairman of the Primary Care Trust (PCT) since October 2006. He has more than 15 years' experience at international board level at chemical giant ICI.

In 1999 he came to Ashford to work for the fragrance company Quest International (now Givaudan) on the Willesborough Road. He has also lived and worked in Belgium, Germany and Ireland before moving to Kent.

Mr Tomson will oversee major changes to the way local healthcare is provided. Primary Care Trusts will be scrapped under legislation from the new Government and more control will be given to GPs.

He said: "This is a very challenging time of change for the NHS. The White Paper

'Liberating the NHS' outlines a number of changes to the NHS system, including transferring responsibility for commissioning healthcare to GP consortia."

PCT chairmen are appointed by the Appointments Commission. The system means people with experience outside of the NHS sit on the board.

Mr Tomson, who has two children, has gained an MBA at Manchester Business School and completed the advanced management programme at Harvard as well as being involved with many other local bodies.

He will be paid £39,406 for the year he holds the post.

He said: "I am confident we are ahead of the game in terms of creating a bridge towards the future. Meanwhile, we are keeping a firm focus on business as usual to ensure patient safety, quality and value for money are maintained to the highest standards."

"We have excellent relationships with GPs across eastern and coastal Kent and have been meeting them to discuss the implications of the White Paper and how we can support them as we move towards this transfer of responsibility."



REAPPOINTED: Primary Care Trust chairman Colin Tomson

"This PCT has invested heavily in GP Education and development, has launched successful GP clinical commissioners, and is rolling out a Pathway Clinician programme. This will form a good basis for the move towards GP consortia."

Mr Tomson, who lives in Hythe, has been married to his wife Lynne for 35 years. His family has benefited from ongoing care from the NHS.

He said: "The NHS is one thing that touches everyone in their lives and it's our money that funds it."

"Our 29-year-old son, Sam, has cystic fibrosis, so Lynne and I have had much experience of our health services. The care he receives has always been professional and supportive and his good health is down to this dedicated health care system – and his mum, of course."

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■ Romney Spice

THIS traditional Indian restaurant with a long-standing reputation celebrates its 10th anniversary in November.

The establishment has just won the Ethical Food award for the fourth time, and it has also scooped the Master Chef Award three times.

It is owned by Abul Hussain, who knows the area well, having been there about 20 years. "I really do feel I understand the local tastes and know people's food preferences."

Abdul has ensured that there are several different dishes from the different regions of India.

And thanks to their forward-thinking and determination to stay ahead of the competition, the restaurant runs a feedback service.

This means that customers suggestions are considered and incorporated to meet differing tastes.

There is also a popular takeaway service available, with free home delivery within an eight-mile radius of the High Street premises.

A variety of house specials are available on the menu from £6.95.

Abdul Hussain has another restaurant in



Hastings, called Bay Spice, with his partner Babu, which celebrates its fifth anniversary in November.

Opening times are from noon to 2pm and 6pm to 11.30pm from Monday to Saturday, staying open until midnight on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the restaurant is open from noon to 11.30pm. The restaurant is open on bank holidays.

As well as the 66-cover dining room, Romney Spice also offers a separate function room which seats up to 24.

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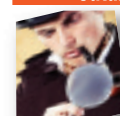
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DAY & NIGHT

Choir's charity concert

THANET Male Voice Choir will give a concert in Westgate-on-Sea on Saturday in aid of Ed-Aid's work with schools in the Gambia.

The event will be held at St Peter's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 on the door. For more information about the project visit www.edaid.freereserve.co.uk.

How green is town?

FIND out how green Hythe could be at an environmental event at the town's pavilion tomorrow.

The evening of presentations and discussion hosted by the Shepway Green Party starts at 7.30pm and features two speakers, a question and answer session and open discussion. For details visit www.kentgreenparty.org.

Hear Noise Next Door

LAUGHTER will be generated from nothing when The Noise Next Door returns to Canterbury.

The comedy troupe has been performing alongside big names in the business, as well as in their own show, Chaos Control. See them at Orange Street Music Club at 8pm next Wednesday. Tickets cost £8/£6. For details visit www.orangestreetmusic.com.

Musical gems recalled

FESTIVAL Chamber Orchestra presents an evening of Neglected Gems at Wye Church on Saturday.

Conducted by Anthony Halstead, the concert features works by Monn, Bach, Debussy, Benjamin Britten and Vivaldi.

Tickets are £15/£7/£4. Call 01227 763965, go to www.crowthersofcanterbury.co.uk, visit Wye News in Wye or Crowthers of Canterbury.

Pianist plays classics

PIANIST Rupert Jones plays at Sarah Thorne Theatre Club this weekend.

Jones presents works by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy and Chopin at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £9 each or £32 for families of four. Call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatre-club.co.uk. Non-members must book at least 24 hours in advance.

Inside a teenage mind

A 40-YEAR-OLD man tackles the drama of teenage life in I'm a Minger.

Writer and actor Alex Jones plays more than 20 characters in the show, for ages 14 and above, at Theatre Royal Margate at 7.30pm on Tuesday. Tickets cost £10. To book call 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787 or visit www.theatreroyal-margate.com.

The meaning of love

EXPLORE the meaning of love, with relationship expert and coach Jan Day.

She will lead a Being in Love Workshop at Highfield House Yoga Centre in Canterbury on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost £140/£90.

For details and to book call 0208 123 9831, email jan@janday.com or go to www.janday.com.



Come on over to see Drifters

THE DRIFTERS

Thursday, September 30
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



FOR more than half a century, the Drifters have been entertaining audiences with unforgettable songs.

Since the group was formed in 1953, they have sold more than 214 million singles and 114 albums worldwide. More than 60 vocalists have passed through the ranks and the Drifters boast a back catalogue of more than 50 hits, familiar to music fans young and old.

Next week, the Drifters visit Folkestone to perform some of those songs. Their biggest hits include Saturday Night at the Movies, Under the Boardwalk, On Broadway, Up On the Roof, Come On Over To My Place and Kissing In the Back Row of the Movies.

The group is touring the UK following an arena tour with the Temptations, the Four Tops and the Three Degrees, including a show at the O2 Arena in London. Last year there was a historic event in London, with the Drifters Legends – featuring some of the group's most popular former members – and the launch of a new album.

"There is something very special about the audiences that come to see our shows," Michael Williams, a current member of the line-up, said. "We often get several generations of the same family coming to see the shows and we are now getting a lot of new fans. Everyone just wants to get out of their seats and dance and we all have a great time."

The Drifters was formed in 1953 by the Dominoes' lead singer, Clyde McPhatter and Ahmet Ertegun, founder of Atlantic Records. They were managed by former jazz singer George Treadwell, and the Treadwell name has been synonymous with the band ever since.

From the early days, frequent line-up changes would characterise the group, but some members would become icons, such as Ben E King, Rudy Lewis, Johnny Moore and of course, McPhatter. Their early songs included Lucille, Money Honey, Such a Night and Honey Love. They soon became a popular live and chart act, but McPhatter left to pursue a successful solo career just one year after the band was formed. He sold his interest in the group to Treadwell, who took control of the Drifters and the members became salaried singers, sometimes earning as little as \$100 a week.

In 1954, tenor Johnny Moore joined the group and he would become one of the group's most famous members, staying in the line-up for more than 20 years.

Line-up changes continued to abound, with Treadwell sacking the entire group just before a show at the Apollo Theatre in New York and replacing them with another group known as the Five Crowns. In 1960 Rudy Lewis replaced Johnny Williams in the group, and his tenure marked a second golden age for the Drifters. Tragically he was found dead in his apartment before a recording session in 1964.

Following the death of Treadwell in 1967, his wife Faye took over management of the group and moved their base to England. During the late 70s, they became a dance-disco act and developed their stage presence further, to become known as one of the best live acts in the world.

In the intervening years, the Drifters have continued to delight their fans and performed twice at the White House. Last year they released new material and classic hits on the album Five Decades and Moore, released in memory of Johnny Moore, who died in 1998.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £21. To book call 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



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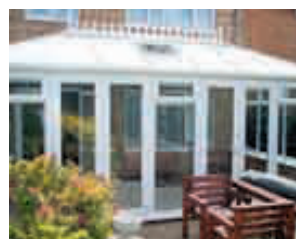


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KINGS OF LYON

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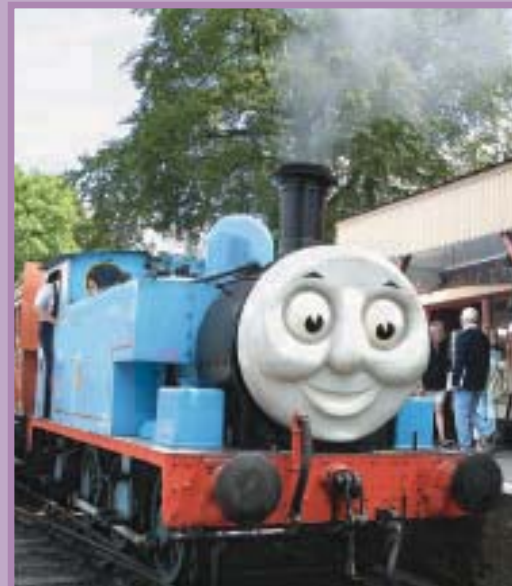
Billed as 'the definitive tribute to Kings of Leon', the band plays all the greatest hits in authentic and accurate style. Playing songs from Kings of Leon's last four albums, the band has been selling out venues all over the country and their success looks set to continue.

Kings of Lyon made their debut in Harrogate in February last year and their ability to mimic their idols' sound and style was immediately apparent. The audience was so impressed,

it called for several encores and the band then went on to play to a sell-out crowd at a new venue in Hull.

Since then they have played at universities, nightclubs and venues across the UK and this year they are selling out concerts throughout Europe.

The pre-tour warm-up gig starts at 8.30pm and is presented by new music promotion company, WhitLive. Tickets cost £10 in advance from Hotel Continental, Gatefield Sounds, Windy Corner Stores, Canterbury Rock and online at www.wegotickets.com.



THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE

Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26
Kent & East Sussex Railway, Tenterden

FANS of Thomas the Tank Engine can meet the friendly little locomotive when he visits Kent this weekend.

Children will have the chance to ride in carriages pulled by Thomas and his friends, Annie and Clarabel, during this special event. Charlie the Clown and Sir Topham Hatt, the Fat Controller, will also be on hand to meet passengers.

There will be free activities at the station including face-painting, roundabout rides, crafts, station scenarios and the chance to watch a Thomas DVD, Hero of the Rails, on a big screen. Each child will take home a free sticker and Junior Engineer's Certificate as a memento of their exciting day out on the railway.

In the railway's souvenir shop, young visitors will also find an assortment of Thomas gifts to buy.

The ticket price includes the activities and a one-hour return steam train ride to Wittersham Road Station. Tickets cost £12.50 for adults, £9.50 for children and are free for babies under 18 months old.

To find out more call 01580 765155 or visit the website at www.kesr.org.uk.

ROBIN ASHWELL

Saturday, September 25, Alexander Centre, Faversham



WITNESS an evening of 'firsts' when the Oare String Orchestra presents its September concert.

Rising viola star Robin Ashwell will be performing with the orchestra this weekend, playing his 1934 Sacconi viola. He will give one of the first UK performances of the Viola Concerto by Elis Pehkonen, an East Anglian composer whose parents hailed from Finland. Pehkonen's Scottish fantasy, Over the Water, received a warm reception at the Alexander Centre in 2007.

Ashwell has been principal viola of the European Union Baroque Orchestra and played with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, though he spends much of his time as viola of the Sacconi String Quartet, of which he is a co-founder.

The concert begins with Elgar's Serenade for Strings and finishes with a most unexpected work by Brahms. He did not write for string orchestra, but Oare String Orchestra's principal cellist, Jonathan Chapter, has created a new arrangement of the familiar B flat String Sextet.

The conductor will be Peter Aviss and the concert starts at 7.30pm. Priced at £10, tickets are available from Faversham Information Centre, on the door and by emailing ticket@oare-string-orchestra.org.



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Friday, September 24, and
Saturday, September 25,
Theatre Royal, Margate



THE beauty of art appears to turn sour in the locally-set play, First Impressions.

Produced by Net Curtains Theatre Company, the satirical yet romantic story revives memories of Margate's past and raises questions about its future. Can culture really be imposed on a run-down seaside town?

Artist Joseph Turner visits a Margate inn to meet his latest model and vows to make an impression on the art world. Two centuries later, one of his previously unknown works is discovered in a dead woman's flat. The painting of Margate bay is beautiful and desirable, but the bidding war that erupts around it soon begins to darken the picture.

"First Impressions is a must-see for anyone with memories of Margate or an interest in the town's future," said Claire Farrington, artistic director of Net Curtains.

"Last year it played to a local audience of more than 300 people, who voted for it to return in full."

Tickets cost £12/£10. To book call 0845 1301786 or 01227 787787 or visit www.theatreroyalmargate.com.



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CANTERBURY EUROFAIR

Friday, September 24, to Sunday, September 26, Dane John Gardens, Canterbury

FOR a real taste of the county, go along to the Canterbury Eurofair with the Kent and Food Drink Festival.

The event offers visitors the chance to meet more than 100 stallholders from across Kent and Europe.

Organised by Canterbury City Council in conjunction with Produced in Kent, the festival gives members of Produced in Kent the chance to show off their wares and offer customers a sample of their produce, including jams, chutneys, pickles, bread, fish, wild game, Kent cobnuts, chocolates, truffles, oils,

fruit juices and wine.

There will be food demonstrations and talks throughout the weekend, to give visitors handy hints and inspiration for their own dinner table.

This year Eurofair will be expanding into the Canterbury Castle grounds, where there will be a medieval and world food market.

Many local restaurants, cafes and shops will offer discounts in association with Eurofair and Kent Food and Drink Festival. To find out more visit the event website at www.canterburyeurofair.co.uk.



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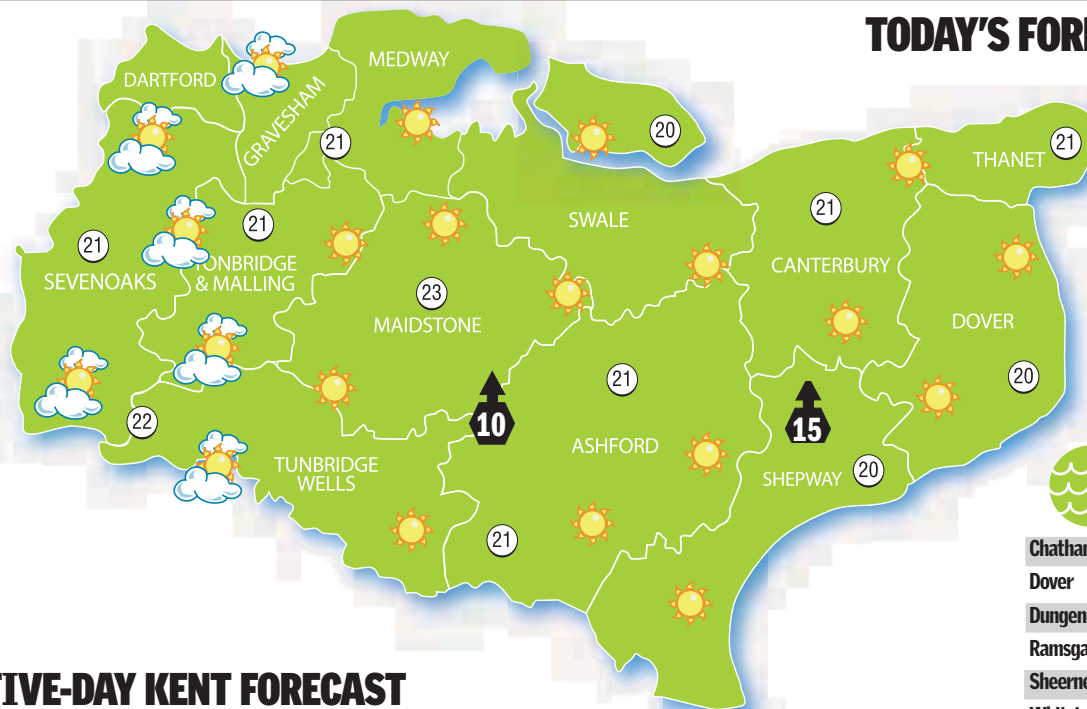
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KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Location	Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height
Chatham	Saturday	2:40pm	6.0m	Sunday	3:10pm	6.0m
Dover	Saturday	12:51pm	6.6m	Sunday	1:15pm	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:57pm	7.8m	Sunday	1:25pm	7.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:21pm	5.0m	Sunday	1:45pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:30pm	5.8m	Sunday	3:00pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:38pm	5.3m	Sunday	3:09pm	5.3m

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Dartford	22°C	22°C	20°C	16°C	16°C	Gillingham	18°C	20°C	19°C	16°C	15°C	Rochester	18°C	20°C	19°C	16°C	15°C	Tun Wells	21°C	22°C



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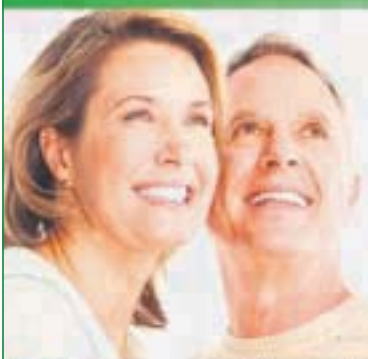
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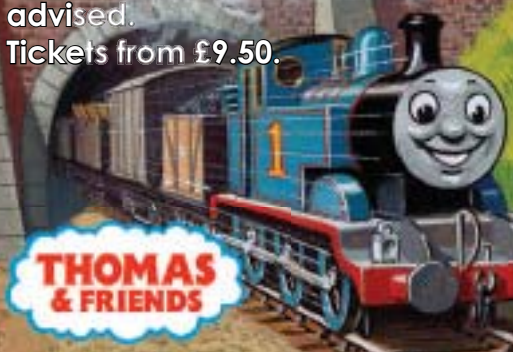
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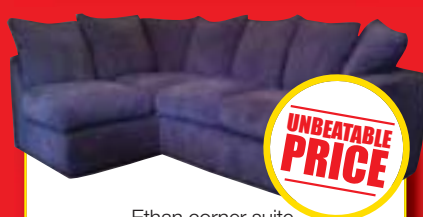
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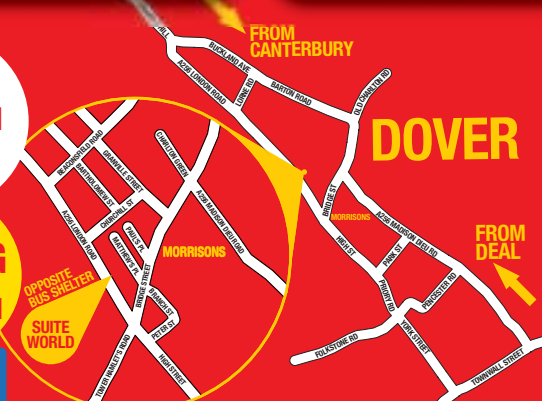
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Action comedy sees Ferrell find his form again as desperate cop

■ BY DAMON SMITH

IT HAS been almost four years since Will Ferrell starred in *Stranger Than Fiction*, a film that could justifiably claim to be a comedy without arousing the suspicions of trading standards.

Undeniably, he is a gifted mimic and with the right script, Ferrell can reduce an entire audience to helpless laughter.

However, with a reported \$20 million fee per film, making him one of the most expensive commodities in Hollywood, the leading man hardly seems good value for money when he serves up tripe including *Land Of The Lost* and *Semi-Pro*.

Thankfully, the *Saturday Night Live* stalwart rediscovers some of his lustre in *The Other Guys*.

Directed and co-written by Adam McKay, who previously made *Talladega Nights: The Ballad Of Ricky Bobby*, and *Anchorman – The Legend Of Ron Burgundy*, this intentionally ludicrous buddy cop movie pairs Ferrell with a hilariously self-mocking Mark Wahlberg.

Explosive action sequences collide with polished one-liners and some amusing supporting performances, like Michael Keaton as the beleaguered police chief, who works a second job to pay for his son's university education "so he can explore his bisexuality and become a DJ".

Detectives PK Highsmith (Samuel L Jackson) and Christopher Danson (Dwayne Johnson) are the golden boys of the NYPD, monopolising newspaper headlines with their gung-ho antics.

When the two officers are sidelined, hot-headed Terry Hoitz (Mark Wahlberg) and his mild-mannered partner Allen Gamble (Will Ferrell) vie with rival detectives Fosse (Damon Wayans Jr) and Martin (Rob Riggle) to lead the team.



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PARTNERS IN CRIME: Will Ferrell as Allen Gamble, and Mark Wahlberg as Terry Hoitz, bring in multimillionaire David Ershon, played by Steve Coogan in *The Other Guys*

"I'm a peacock. You've got to let me fly!" Terry implores Captain Gene Mauch (Michael Keaton), desperate to be included on a case involving multi-millionaire David Ershon (Steve Coogan).

When his pleas fall on deaf ears, Terry drags Allen into the field with only a wooden replica gun for protection.

The *Other Guys* gets considerable mileage from several running jokes, including Terry's choice of car and his ability to pull insanely

sexy women like his wife, Dr Sheila Gamble (Eva Mendes).

Wahlberg has a blast as the rogue cop with a short fuse, and Ferrell brings out the sweetness and vulnerability of his clumsy oaf, who cheerfully reveals: "There are three things I love in this world: Kylie Minogue, the dimples in a woman's back above her buttocks and the fear in a man's eyes who knows I'm going to hurt him."

The plot careers along at breakneck speed,

unchaining itself from plausibility early on with the sudden and unexpected exits of Jackson and Johnson.

Gags hit more targets than they miss, which is a blessed relief, and we could cheerfully entertain another investigation for Terry and Allen in the future.

THE OTHER GUYS 
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FASHION VICTIM: But are things finally looking up for Ugly Betty?



YOUR TV REVIEW **UGLY BETTY:** Channel 4, Sunday, 12.10pm

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

UGLY Betty is back! The quirky, lovable, short and frumpy misfit has returned to *Mode* magazine making a mess of her private life and career.

Despite an unlikely penchant for shoes I can't afford, I am not an obvious target for the Ugly Betty brand. The US drama/comedy, now in its fourth and final season, is all about fashion, scheming, image and being horribly pretty and skinny, whereas I was in the army cadets and studied philosophy, politics and economics at university.

But like many, many people, I love Ugly Betty and will be sad to see her go. This is because the show, set in a fictional New York fashion magazine stuffed to the brim with shiny, beautiful people, is also about trying to fit in and be successful, something everyone can relate to.

And after three seasons of ugly, our

eponymous heroine Betty Suarez is finally fitting in to the flippant, shallow, underhand world of fashion.

She has learned about hair-straighteners and heels. She has learned a modicum of fashion sense. She has learned that sticking up for herself doesn't make her a bad person. And, unlike the lead character in *The Devil Wears Prada*, she hasn't become subsumed into becoming a vapid fashionista.

This being the last season, many of the characters are progressing unexpectedly quickly. The usually superficial receptionist Amanda has decided partying and stealing clothes is not enough for her. Evil fashion minion Marc St James has figured the min-ioning business is not really a career,

and perhaps he should get a proper job at *Vogue*.

The reason for this forced turn towards a denouement can only be because the show's US producers knew this would be the last series after ratings took a turn for the worse in America.

But I don't think a speedy ending is a bad thing because, as much as I like Ugly Betty, I would have been bored by it eventually.

The plot is contrived, the morals are obvious and everyone is far, far too pretty. It has a New York glamour which is fun to fall for but can only really last so long. It is a good thing Ugly Betty will not go the way of *Lost*, which sane people were forced to give up on long before it ended.

Ugly Betty is still fresh. I will watch the show until the end, and I will love every minute of it.

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MERSEY BEAT: Sixties veterans Gerry and the Pacemakers are still going strong

Golden line-up from the swinging sixties

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE sounds of the swinging sixties will ring out in Kent next month when a host of the decade's star turns perform together.

The hugely popular touring Sixties Gold line-up includes The Searchers, PJ Proby and Chip Hawkes, with Gerry & The Pacemakers topping the Chatham Central Theatre bill off.

Between them, the fabulous foursome have notched up a total of 28 timeless top 20 UK singles.

A theatre spokesman said: "Sixties Gold gives music fans the chance to relive the greatest musical decade of modern times in a show packed with sugar-spun melodies, chiming harmonies and rock-rolling back beats.

"Some of the most memorable chart toppers of the sixties bring to life classic feel-good hits including Ferry Cross the Mersey, Sweets for my Sweet, Hold Me, Silence is Golden and many more."

Len 'Chip' Hawkes hit the big-time when he joined The Tremeloes in 1966.

The new-look Essex-based beat foursome went on to score a further seven top 20 hits, including My Little Lady, (Call Me) Number One and Me and My Life, all of which burst into the top 10 UK singles chart.

Texan PJ Proby is a regular and popular face on the ever-changing Sixties Gold carousel of performers.

The 71-year-old star first charmed British audiences back in 1964, with the release of his aptly-named introductory album, I am PJ Proby.

Hits of the album included Hold Me, Together and Somewhere.

Proby has gone on to release a further 16 albums and shows no sign of hanging up his cowboy hat and microphone.

Merseybeat quartet The Searchers notched up eight top 20 singles in their time, enjoying huge success as a covers band.

The beat boppers hit Top of the Pops with their version of The Drifters' Sweets for my Sweets in 1963 before going on to have hits with Sugar and Spice, Needles

and Pins, Love Potion No 9, Take It Or Leave It and many more.

Fellow Liverpoolians Gerry and the Pacemakers were also riding the beat wave at the time, along with their citymates The Beatles.

They scored hits with singles such as How Do You Do It?, I Like It, Liverpool FC anthem You'll Never Walk Alone, I'm The One and Ferry Cross The Mersey.

The Sixties Gold night takes place at the Chatham venue on Saturday, October 30.

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CHAMPAGNE LIFESTYLE: Chateaux Etoges at the end of a long drive-away, nestles amid a clutch of vineyards in the tiny village of Etoges

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Corker of a break in Champagne

■ BY SHARRON LIVINGSTON

IT WAS a balmy and sunny day in the cathedral city of Reims, famed as the Coronation City, in the Marne region of Champagne Ardenne. Yet inside it was a cool 10 degrees with 85 per cent humidity, the lights were dim, Je t'aime was playing (the song Radio 1 banned for being too sexy, remember?).

Above me were bas reliefs of frolicking naked cherubs and waiting at the bottom of the stairs was a French man called Silus, to take me into a room full of guitar playing finches. By any standards, this was a surreal moment and one that I enjoyed as I descended into the subterranean chalk caves of Pommery Champagne house. Silus led me through a temporary art installation where these tiny birds inadvertently set off music whenever they happened to land on guitar strings.

In the caves beyond were an astonishing 25 million bottles of champagne stacked to the rafters in 30 metres of tunnels.

Sauntering through a tunnel called Manchester, I ogled 40,000 Jeroboams (bottles that hold three litres of the fizz - that's equivalent to four ordinary bottles) stacked against the chalk walls.

Noticing my raised eyebrow Silus offered: "There's a huge demand for this size of bottle - weddings and celebrations, and motor racing events".

Pommery is a super slick operation. So are their neighbours Veuve Clicquot and Piper-Heidsieck who, like Pommery, also offer highly entertaining visits to their spectacular caves set in former Roman chalk mines (crayeres). At Piper's expect to pay between six to ten euros for a tour, which usually ends with a tasting.

As a city, Reims, (pronounced 'rance') is a must-visit for its bustle, café culture, elegant architecture, Art Deco facades, superb cathedral and pedestrianised streets. For short breaks, staying centrally is a wise move to be close to all this and the Best Western Hotel de La Paix has an ideal location just minutes away from the Cathedral and shopping.

But there are no vineyards in

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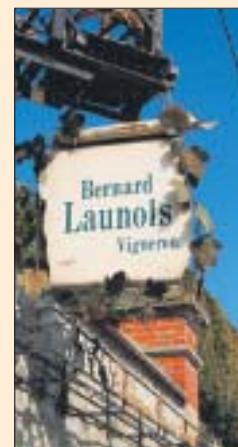
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GETTING THERE: P&O Ferries from Dover to Calais (£30 each way) then its just a 4 hour drive on the A26 motorway (sortie Reims).

WHERE TO STAY:

- Chateau Etoges, <http://english.chateau-etoges.com> in the village of Etoges (doubles from 120 euros)
- Hotel de la Paix www.bestwestern-lapaix-reims.com in Reims (doubles from 155 euros).

FURTHER READING: Channel Hoppers guide to Champagne Ardenne, www.channelhoppers.net



Reims and the houses here import their Pinot noir, chardonnay and meunier grapes from vineyards elsewhere in region.

There are other, smaller houses you can visit, around 12,300 of them, that are dotted over the green, hilly landscapes. Most you will never have heard of and many are tongue-ticklingly delicious. But you'll never get through them all in just one weekend. However, you can be in the same room as at least 100 of the best lesser-known champagnes at C. Comme Champagne in Rue Gambetta at the next town of Epernay.

Seventeen euros buys the opportunity to taste five different bubblys and browsing the wines is easy as they are clearly labelled with the vineyard name, the style, grape varieties and the price.

One of the champagnes they sell is from the family-owned Launois Champagne House located in Mesnil sur Oger on the Côtes des Blancs, a few miles south of Epernay. It has been in the Launois hands for six generations.

The eccentric Monsieur Bernard Launois, a collector of everything, is the owner and his is a house worth visiting just to see the museum. You get to see 17th century presses, medieval armoury and tools, and a totally bizarre collection of antiques such as confessional boxes, meat rotisseries, pianos and old-fashioned

money tills. Loath to waste anything, Monsieur Launois even commissioned an artisan carver, to carve artworks out of old vines and there is an entire room dedicated to this.

If you want to stay a while, 54 euros buys a tour of the museum, a gastronomic lunch, and a sampling of six different champagnes. On harvest day you get to pick the grapes too and three years later a bottle of fizz will land on your doormat from that harvest.

There would have been something missing if I had not squeezed in a visit to the home town of the region's most famous son: Dom Perignon. It was only a few minutes drive to the next town of Haut Villiers, where the near blind Benedictine monk lived and died. Spot the countless street names and plaques that revere him and if the mood takes swing by the Abbey where he is buried.

On the way back I checked in to Chateaux Etoges Chateau d'Etoges, for a final burst of the Champagne lifestyle. This elegant Chateau, at the end of a long drive-away, nestles amid a clutch of vineyards in the tiny village Etoges.

Their Orangerie offers gourmet food and wines, but I took a moment to toast Dom himself with his own very words "Come quickly brothers! I'm tasting the stars!" before sleeping off the fizzy intoxication in a regal four poster bed.

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FEMALE 46, slim, likes cooking, seeks tall, caring male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379498

ANDREA 34, lovely, sensual with long dark hair seeks mature male to take a chance and share a romantic meal for two. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333607

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ANNA 43, sensual blue eyed blonde, slim and vivacious, loves to wine and dine seeks tall, dark male for good conversation, fun and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333601

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GENUINE male, 45, no ties, GSOH, sexy, honest, smoker, seeks nice female, any age/nationality/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335099

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MARK 46, single dad, seeks female with no ties for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379938

JOHN young looking male, middle aged, N/S, self employed gardener, seeks female, 30-50 for friendship and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335495

CARING fit guy 48, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft 9ins, seeks pretty, well spoken Sussex lady, 42 or younger for loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379816

STEVE mature guy 52, green eyes, GSOH, like music, nights in/out, seeks female for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334981

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YOUNG 52yr old male, attractive, well dressed, kind, romantic, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive female, 46-56 for a new beginning. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334771

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5FT 10ins, male, 58, widow, likes cooking, travel, dogs, seeks female, 50-70. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379850

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ROBERT 68, professor of Archaeology retired, MS sufferer, seeks female, 55-65 for friendship and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379732

MALE 52, seeks N/S, young at heart female for theatre, cinema and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379722

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YOUNG 64yr old male, seeks female of similar age or younger, slim, petite, N/S, social drinker for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334273

PETER 61, likes walks, meals out, music, cooking, seeks discreet female for no strings mutual fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379698

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WHITE male, 61, N/S, own home, GSOH, seeks romantic, understanding, black/Asian female, 40-60 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334099

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MALE 45, medium build, tall, blue eyes, brown hair, GSOH, romantic, honest, likes pubs, music, nights in, seeks slim-medium build female, 28-45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379780

65YR old male, lonely, likes nights out, most things, N/S, seeks lady of similar age for TLC and fun

MOTORS NEWS



There's less of a levy if you buy a new Chevy

CHEVROLET is pressing hard to pep up demand for new '60' registration cars with super deals on orders placed by the end of the month.

Buyers could save as much as £3,400 on a smart Cruze 1.6 S saloon – selling at £9,995, instead of a list price of £13,395.

The 1.0+ version of the new Spark urban hatchback is also on offer at £6,495 – saving £1,900 against list – while the larger three and five-door Aveo 1.2S supermini is available with up to £2,000 off.



First edition Sportage ranges further afield

KIA launches the full Sportage line-up on November 1 after finding many customers straight away with the fully loaded First Edition 4x4 model.

New front-wheel drive only versions with an economical 1.6 direct-injection petrol engine (from £16,645) or 1.7-litre turbodiesel (from £18,145) are expected to be the top-sellers of the capacious SUV.

For those needing extra grip, 2.0-litre all-wheel drive models start at £20,800.

The new range is generously equipped and with standard seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.



Alfa's espresso offer to raise cash for charity

ALFA Romeo dealerships across Kent are frothing the milk, bringing out the biscotti and opening their doors for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday.

Staged as part of a record-breaking event by MacMillan Cancer Trust, it is also backed by actress Tamzin Outhwaite (pictured at the wheel of an Alfa).

Customers will be encouraged to make a small donation to the MacMillan Cancer Trust in return for their mid-morning Italian treat. Naturally, they will also be free to take a test drive.



A GOOD ALL-ROUNDER: Land Rover's bigger Freelander 2 can 'walk the talk' as a quality runabout, building site cum rural workhorse and as an ideal 4x4 for family getaways

Rugged Freelander 2: a star on and off the road

LAND Rover's Freelander 2 suffered tough love from me after its launch in 2006, but I softened in the end.

Not that the UK 4x4 icon's robust looking junior model really needs an easy ride – my offish manner derived from the failings of the Mark 1 Freelander.

That car's adherence – literally – to Land Rover's off-roading heritage was impressive, but you can't love a car styled to shout 'ruggedness and dependability' when it wimped out so often through flaky build and poor reliability.

However, the bigger Freelander 2 has shown it can 'walk the talk' as a quality runabout, building site cum rural workhorse and as an ideal 4x4 for outward bound and alpine holidays.

Though dearer than most compact 4x4s, you get genuine off-road power, as I have proved before at the Land Rover Experience Centre at Eastwell Park, near Ashford, crashing up and down steep slopes slippery with damp chalk and littered with flinty boulders – see our Motors TV film at www.carsforkent.co.uk.

Unlike its predecessor, there was no creaking from dodgy interior fittings.

ROAD TEST FREELANDER 2

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY (OUT OF FIVE)

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Of course, most buyers never pose such a stern test even if that is like buying a pair of wellies and wearing them as slippers.

And it is not as if the car's superb off-road ability compromises its on-road qualities; it handles tidily and comfortably with little body roll on the bends.

Steering feedback is good too – you need it off-road – and it also feels nimble.

The diesel's off-road clout works equally well on-road and it is greener now with a Stop/Start system that cuts the engine automatically when the car is stationary at the lights or in similar situations. This reduces the emissions by eight per cent and average economy is well over 40mpg.

The Freelander interior is comfortable and finished to a high standard though rugged rather than stylish, with most controls falling to hand well, and there is plenty of stowage.

Comfort levels are good front and back with a good high-up view from the cabin and decent space for luggage behind.

And while our high spec HSE test car looked pricey at £33,000, diesel prices start at under £21,695 – very tempting for all that off-road ability plus Land Rover cachet.



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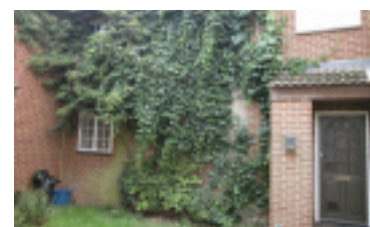
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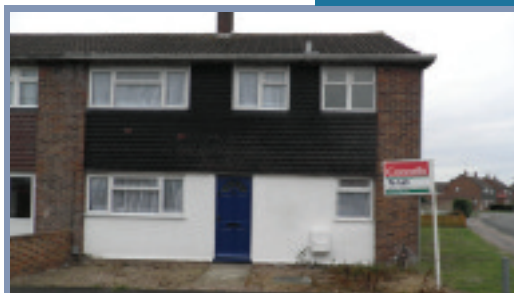
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Contact: Miss S Spratley
Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED.
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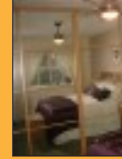
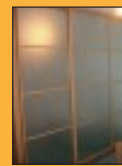
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UNBEATEN: Ashford (in yellow) are on a winning streak

In-form Ashford plough through Whitstable

Whitstable 15 Ashford 44

ASHFORD preserved their 100 per cent start to the new Kent 1 season as they ran in seven tries to crush Whitstable in their second outing of the campaign.

Having convincingly won 39-12 at Beccehamian on the opening weekend, Ashford came out looking to build on that momentum and within a minute they had their first try, courtesy of JJ Murray.

The conversion was added and the visitors kept up the pressure as Liam Murray went over to make it 12-0, before Joe Lakin scored

FOOTBALL

a try which was converted by Murray.

Whitstable's first-half efforts amounted to a single penalty, while Ashford were just getting into their stride, with Liam Murray doubling his tally just before the break to ensure Ashford would take a bonus point from the game.

The home side, 26-3 down, regrouped at the break and played some good rugby in the second period, touching down for two tries to reduce the arrears to 16 points.

This was to be Ashford's day, however, and they rubber-stamped their win with three tries in the last ten minutes as Dan Brown touched down twice before skipper Pete Walsh crossed in the closing seconds.

Alongside Lordswood, Ashford are one of only two teams in the division with maximum points after two games and their superior points difference means they top the embryonic table.

On Saturday they face a Sheppey side sitting fifth after suffering a narrow derby defeat at home to local rivals Sittingbourne.

GOLF

Barham hits groove at Austrian Open

BENN Barham made a successful return to the European Tour by finishing in a share of 23rd place at the Austrian Golf Open.

The Ashford golfer, competing mainly on the European Challenge Tour this season, has struggled in 2010, with just two top ten finishes. However, he put together four impressive rounds to finish in the top 25 in Austria.

The event holds painful memories for the 34-year-old as this time last year he finished second at the tournament, missing out on his maiden European Tour victory by a single shot.

He made a positive start with a solid one-under-par 71 on Thursday and this was followed by a three-under-par 69, which ensured he would make the cut for the final 36 holes.

An eventful third round, including an eagle at the par-five tenth, saw him stay in contention with the top 20 on the leaderboard. He continued his progress in Sunday's final round with a two-under-par 70 which was good enough to finish joint 23rd.

Barham is scheduled to play in European Tour's Vivendi Cup in France, which begins on Thursday.

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WRIST WATCH: Leon Camier broke his wrist in a crash at the Nurburgring and despite making a decent recovery he has admitted he is unlikely to be ready for the last two rounds of the season

World Superbikes season all but over for crocked Camier

MOTORSPORT

■ BY TOM HOWARD

his season is more or less over.

He told Yourashford: "It's taken a bit of time but that is the procedure. Every day it is getting better and better and we are going to play it day by day to see if I will be able to race at Magny Cours [on October 3].

"Aprilia have been really good and they are not pressuring me to come back if I'm not ready. I've been advised by doctors and the physio not to do the race.

"If it was a broken leg similar to what Valentino Rossi did earlier this season it would be completely different. As it is a wrist it's a real fickle thing to get right. It's something I'm not taking lightly and I don't want to make it worse."

While sitting on the sidelines is not the way he wanted his debut season to end, Camier is equally frustrated that the accident remains to be unexplained. His Aprilia team have spent hours analysing the data retrieved from the bike but are unable to find a reason for the crash.

He said: "It is a frustrating way to end the season but it is what it is and it's all part of the fun of superbike racing. It's just how it goes and we don't even know the reason for the crash.

"We have looked at the data and there is no sign of me doing anything wrong and there is no sign of the bike going wrong. It was a freak of nature."

Camier will spend the rest of the season continuing his recovery and focus on next season's campaign. While nothing has been agreed for the 2011 campaign, it is believed he will stay on with Aprilia.

Town to unveil new boss in preparation for return

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

ASHFORD Town will reveal the identity of their new first-team manager next week as the club's rebuilding process gathers momentum.

The appointment of a new manager is the latest step in the club's rejuvenation following a long-running legal dispute between new owner Tony Betteridge and ex-chairman Don Crosbie. The ensuing court battle during the summer, which threatened Ashford's future, saw the club resign from the Ryman League and all senior football for this season.

The club is making steady progress as it bids to rejoin the Kent senior football scene next season and has already appointed a new manager.

Steve Lovell's successor is due to be announced when senior football returns to the Homelands next Friday for the Stuart White Memorial Cup game.

The clash will see an Ashford Town elite side managed by ex-Town player Paul Chambers take on a Welling United elite XI. Kick-off is at 7pm next Friday.

Lovell's replacement was appointed by Ernie Warren, who has acted as an adviser since Betteridge took sole charge of the club, and he is excited by the pending announcement.

Warren told Yourashford: "I'm very pleased



NEW ERA: Ashford will name their new manager (former boss Steve Lovell, pictured) at Homelands (left) next Friday

with the appointment. He's played for Ashford, Welling and Maidstone before and has played at a high level.

"He started his career at Ashford and wants to give something back to the club. We only want people who want to be there and not just come to be on the gravy train.

"We didn't advertise the position so we didn't have many applicants. The manager we have appointed phoned me up and I accepted his offer."

The off-field rebuilding is progressing well, with Warren confirming he will become the club's interim chairman until the start of next



Picture: ICKR/KIPCO

season. He had originally ruled himself out of the position but will take on the role while he searches for an applicant, who can fulfill the opening on a permanent basis.

He said: "We've formed a committee and we've met so that is all in place. Hopefully by the start of next season we will have a proper chairman in place. I cannot do it on a permanent basis because of my commitments elsewhere but all the while the club is not playing games I can act as chairman."

The club intends to make an application to join a senior football division for next season before Christmas.

COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND-UP



Picture: ICKR/KIPCO

CUP EXIT: Bromley Green fell to Sheppey United

Mixed results cup for league teams

THERE were contrasting fortunes for Ashford's County League clubs last weekend as Bromley Green and Kennington both took a break from their league programmes.

Both clubs were involved in the Bill Manklow Kent Inter-Regional Challenge Cup, with three ties played on Saturday to complete the draw for the second round of the competition.

Bromley Green were handed a home game in the eastern section first round against a Sheppey United side determined to make an impression both in league and cup after adopting their old name.

Sheppey, under manager Stuart Davidson, assembled an almost entirely new squad for this season and their positive start continued as Bromley Green slumped to a 3-1 defeat, leaving boss Dave Smith much to ponder.

Despite enjoying possession for significant periods, the home side conspired to give three cheap goals away, with Sheppey taking a 1-0 lead into the break.

Ryan Norman, Glenn Mackett and Mick Doyle all went close for Green and Marc Collins hit the crossbar with a free-kick but they were unable to force an equaliser.

Ryan Smith levelled on the hour-mark but sloppy defending allowed Sheppey to make it 2-1 with 15 minutes remaining.

Smith had a goal disallowed for handball and after Sheppey had struck their third from a free-kick, his afternoon got worse as he picked up a second yellow card for not retreating ten yards.

There was drama for Kennington, meanwhile, who travelled for their tie at Larkfield & Hythe Wanderers with an under-strength side and no substitutes.

Daryl Streatham scored a brace for Kennington, who kept going through extra-time and eventually triumphed 3-2 with Dan Reynolds bagging their third goal.

They now go through to face Bly Spartans in the second round, with the tie to be played on or before November 13.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Greenwich Borough	5	4	0	1	+5	12
2 Deal Town	6	4	0	2	+2	12
3 Hythe Town	6	3	1	2	+4	10
4 Beckenham Town	5	3	1	1	+4	10
5 VCD Athletic	4	3	1	0	+4	10
6 Herne Bay	7	2	4	1	+2	10
7 Erith Town	5	2	2	1	+3	8
8 Sevenoaks Town	5	2	1	2	-1	7
9 Corinthian	6	2	1	3	-1	7
10 Fisher	6	2	1	3	-3	7
11 Norton Sports	3	1	2	0	+1	5
12 Holmesdale	6	1	1	4	-3	4
13 Erith & Belvedere	4	1	0	3	-4	3
14 Tunbridge Wells	3	0	2	1	-2	2
15 Lordswood	5	0	1	4	-7	1
16 Sporting Bengal Utd	2	0	0	2	-4	0

FIXTURES (Saturday):

FA CUP SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND:

Hythe Town v Erith & Belvedere

Lockyer at the double for Hythe on winning debut

FOOTBALL

Sporting Bengal United 2 Hythe Town 4

FOR once Brendon Cass extending his scoring streak was not the main story for Hythe as Gary Lockyer scored twice on his full debut to help see off Sporting Bengal.

The teenager struck once in each half to give Scott Porter's side a deserved victory, which saw them bounce back from a mid-week home defeat to Deal Town.

Perennial strugglers Sporting Bengal can still be tricky customers on their own patch, but with two defeats in the league already this season Hythe could not afford a slip-up.

The ever-reliable Dave Cook settled any nerves by opening the scoring midway through the first half for his fourth goal of the season.

Hythe effectively made sure of the points with a strong finish to the half which saw them score twice in three minutes.

Lockyer, who is at Hythe on a dual registration deal with Ramsgate, made the most of his first start by opening his account on 42 minutes. Cass then maintained his extraordinary streak by making it 3-0 on the stroke of half-time. It was the eighth successive game the striker had got on the scoresheet.

The hosts pulled two goals back after the break, sandwiching Lockyer's second goal of the afternoon, which made sure of the three points.

Hythe hosted Norton Sports last night, log



MR RELIABLE: Dave Cook scored Hythe's first goal

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This has had a knock-on effect on the style and requirements of the dining table and chairs.

The relaxed mood of eating in the kitchen, or kitchen/diner, has caused the re birth of oak as the most popular wood, and the style, depending on the space available, has reverted to the old country styles with chunky table tops and legs. Leather chairs or seat pads also add a 'natural' feel to the whole area.

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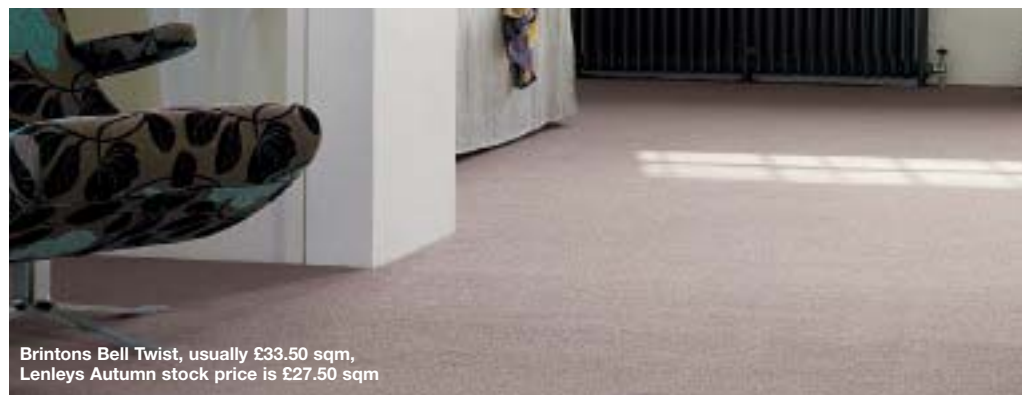
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Stripes to the fore

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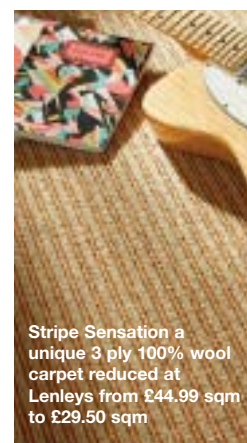
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